

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-24, and 26-66 were pending and rejected. In this response, claims 38-55 and 62-66 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6-7, 11, 15-16, and 21 have been amended. In addition, new claims 67-75 have been added. Thus, claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-24, 26-37, 56-61, and 67-75 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-24, and 26-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,097,389 of Morris et al. ("Morris") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,084,582 of Qureshi et al. ("Qureshi"). In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-24, 26-37, 56-61, and 67-75 as amended include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination.

Specifically, independent claim 1 as amended recited as follows:

1. A system comprising:
 - means for displaying a first list of reduced visual representations in a first track of a first display area, the first list of reduced visual representations including a plurality of media objects ordered automatically in chronological order and grouped by media objects relating to one another;
 - means for recording an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations, the recorded audio narration being displayed within a second display area different from the first display area;
 - means for displaying within the second display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration;
 - means for displaying in a second track different from the first track within the first display area a second list of reduced visual representations of the plurality of media objects selected from the first list of reduced visual representation displayed in the first track of the first display area, the second list including one or more authored stories and each story having an audio narration associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations; and

means for displaying in a third track different from the first and second tracks within the first display area a third list of reduced visual representations selected from the first track, the third list of reduced visual representations representing a story being authored including associating one or more audio narrations with one or more reduced visual representations displayed within the third track.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 includes limitations that three different tracks are displayed within a first display area, where a first track includes the reduced visual representations from which one or more of the reduced visual representations can be selected in a third track to be authored. The authored stories can be saved or displayed in a second track of the first display area. When authoring a story in the third track, one or more audio narrations can be selected from a second display area different than the first display area to associate with one or more reduced visual representations displayed in the third track. The current reduced visual representation is displayed in larger version within a third display area (as recited in claim 5, etc.) It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are absent from the cited references, individually or in combination.

Although Morris discloses a user interface for navigate a photo album and Qureshi discloses associate an audio clip to a slide presentation, Morris and Qureshi, individually or in combination, still fail to disclose a specific user interface recited in claim 1.

In addition, there is no suggestion within Morris and Qureshi to combine with each other. Even if they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitations set forth above. In order render a claim obvious, each and every limitations of the claim must be taught by the cited references. It is respectfully submitted that Morris and Qureshi, individually or in combination, fail to disclose the limitations set forth above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over Morris in view of Qureshi.

Similarly, independent claims 11, 21, and 67 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 11, 21, and 67 are patentable over the cited references.

Given the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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